

Dear Guilford,

Please make these comments part of the official record of the June 29 2010 hearing on the reconstruction of Sand Hill Road. I would be grateful if you would share these comments with the members of the Public Works Committee.

I would like to request that the Public Works Department rebuild Sand Hill Road in two stages:

- 1) Reconstruct Sand Hill Road between Pine Street and State Street this year and
- 2) Redesign and reconstruct Sand Hill Road and the bridge between State and Summer Street next year.

It is important to rebuild the section of the street between Pine and State Streets this year to provide a solution to the dangerous conditions on that heavily used stretch of the Road now.

I request that the Department incorporate the following in carrying out the reconstruction:

Stage 1:

- Make the roadbed 20 feet rather than 24 in order to preserve trees in accordance with the votes of the Public Works Committee and the Shade Tree Committee
- Use a path in the conservation land rather than a sidewalk in order to accommodate foot traffic
- Grind the entire surface of the road and resurface with two layers of asphalt

Stage 2:

- Work with the Conservation Department on the appropriate routing of storm water drainage
- Design the roadway and walkways to provide a safe way to capitalize on the scenic value of the bridge at the waterfall and the surrounding area
  - Design a bridge with sidewalks cantilevered on both sides
  - Design the rest of roadway and walkway to retain scenic values while enhancing safety
- Take a similar approach to rebuilding as stage 1 (20 foot roadbed; regrind, rebuild with two layers of asphalt)

Since Stage 2 includes more challenging design issues, it would be helpful to seek the services of designers at one or more institutions of higher education such as UMass and the Conway School of Landscape Architecture to work out the design issues in a process that includes the public throughout the design development process as the Town did in the case of Atkins Corner.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely yours  
Janet Keller